

Welcome back Wednesday!

Entrance task: Think: What were the political, social and economic problems facing the nation after the Civil War? How should they be handled?

Today: The Reconstruction Era

Homework: Ch. 13-1 with questions on page 1 & 2 in the homework packet

Dealing with a wayward child

Teenage boy = South after the war

Father = Radical Republicans in Congress

Mother = President Andrew Johnson

CHALLENGES.....

- Some 650,000 men died in the war, including 260,000 Confederates -- over one-fifth of the South's adult white male population.
- By the end of the Civil War, some 200,000 black soldiers had served in the Union army and navy, staking a claim to citizenship in the postwar nation.
- The North in 1865 was an extremely prosperous region. Its economy had boomed during the war, bringing economic growth to both the factories and the farms. Since the war had been fought almost entirely on Southern soil, the North did not have to face the task of rebuilding.
- The Confederacy had printed more than \$800 million in paper money during the course of the war. Massive inflation had resulted. The currency and other government securities were worthless, destroying the savings of thousands

CASUALTIES OF THE CIVIL WAR

	Union Troops	Confederate Troops
Total Troops	1,566,678	1,082,119
Wounded	275,175	194,000*
Died of Wounds	110,070	94,000
Died of Disease	249,458	164,000

— Garraty and McCaughey, *The American Nation*, Harper and Row, 1987;
*Shelby Foote, *The Civil War: A Narrative*, Vintage Books, 1986

- The South had sustained immense damage. Entire cities lay in ruins. Thousands of people lacked the means to provide food, clothing, or shelter for themselves or their dependents.

Ruins of paper mill;
wrecked paper-making
machinery in foreground
Richmond, Va.
April 1865



photograph by Mathew Brady





With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.

~ Abraham Lincoln, March 4, 1865

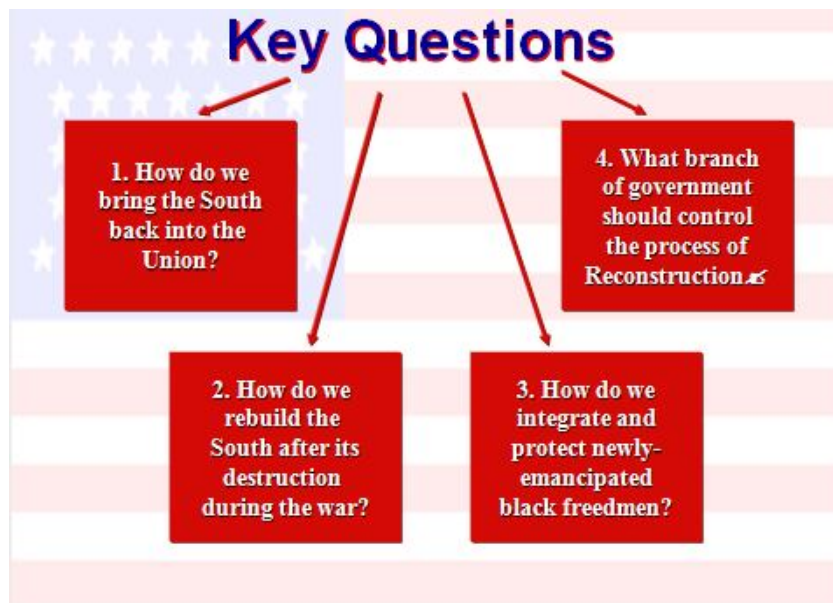
Second inaugural address

President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated near the end of the Civil War on April 14, 1865, 6 days after the surrender of Robert E. Lee. He was shot while attending a play at Ford's Theatre by well-known actor, John Wilkes Booth.

Abraham Lincoln was the first American president to be assassinated and it left a long-lasting impact on the nation.



Andrew Johnson was sworn in as president and became one of the least popular presidents of all time.



Aftershock part 1
9 min.

Welcome back Wednesday!

Homework: Ch. 13-1 with questions on
page 2 & 3 in the homework
packet

